Craugh, a known traitor and papist, should have been arrested, Sir John sent out warrants that he should be sought in all places except the White Knight's country, where he knew Craugh to be To this Sir John answered that there was a God above all, and he marvelled that he who had known religion these forty-six years should be charged with favouring of papists and mass-mongers But Mr Attorney willed him not to stand upon religion,

* for then,' said he, * we shall prove you irreligious. WiU any men of religion seek to have men murdered ? Will any men of religion stab a man in the cheek, and after bring him to the fire to be roasted, to make him confess that he knoweth not, and afterwards hang him by martial law ?'

Mr Attorney further to prove him of no religion showed that Sir John being once m his chamber in the Castle at Dublin had looked out at the window and espied Sir Dennis O'Roughan who knew all his secret treasons, and willed his chamberlain to call to him Stephen Seager When he came, Sir John commanded away his chamberlain and locking the chamber door willed Seager to look out at the window, saying,[c] Seest^thou not one beneath in. a black mantle ? * Seager answered that he saw none Sir John said, * There is one there , you see how I am crossed by some of the Council here, and he is going to the North with letters from some of the Council to move them against me, I would have thee take those letters from him, kill him, cast him aside, and bring those letters to me' Seager answered that he would take those letters from him, but he would not kill him , but if Sir John should give commandment to hang him by martial law he would see it done Whereupon Sir John said,

[c] *Go* thy ways, thou art a paltry fellow, I did it

but to prove thee * This was proved by the oath of Seager

Sir John then called for Seager to speak to him face to face, when he justified all he had said Then the Lord Chamberlain said, * Now you see you bad him kill one * Sir John answered,

* Because he hath sworn I will not reprove him , it may be I spake such words, but I remember it not'

Other witnesses showed that he had favoured traitors, amongst them Sir Brian O'Rourke, lately executed at Tyburn, whom he might have arrested had he wished

Then Sir Dennis O'Roughan was called to testify against